

Neighbors Building Brightmoor

Neighbors Building Brightmoor seeks to mobilize our neighbors to work together to equip families and individuals to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

January 2014



THE "MOOR" IN BRIGHTMOOR

Father Clore is the pastor of Christ the King Church on Burt and Grand River. He oversees the operation of St. Christine's Christian Services which hosts our monthly meeting and whose services are a great help to our community. Below are some excerpts of an article he wrote.

The area which included Brightmoor was first pioneered in the middle 1800s by farmers who got one-square-mile plots of forest and swampland as a "grant", encouraging pioneers to settle the wilderness. A "moor" is an expanse of rough land, swampy, with thick brush and scrub trees - one such moor was between Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads.

In 1915 Burt Eddy Taylor bought 160 acres (one-quarter of a square mile) at Lyndon and Burt Rd. and began to organize a planned community for migrants to Detroit seeking jobs in the new auto industry. He named it "Brightmoor - a neighborhood where families can own a house and live in modest comfort." I grew up on a cattle ranch in Kansas. Now, having lived in Detroit for 14 years, I am proud to be in the 'moor', a diverse neighborhood, again working the sometimes "rough land", sharing healthy food from our gardens, trying to keep the streetlights on and our children educated in good schools, and helping rebuild our future together with others in Brightmoor.

NBB 2014 Meeting Schedule

Thursday Feb.7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov.6, Dec. 4.
St. Christine's Soup Kitchen on the corner of Dacosta and Fenkell.
6.30 pm Potluck, 7 –8.30 pm Meeting

With the beginning of 2014, many volunteers will come help beautify our neighborhood. The first step for you to become part of this excitement is to attend our meetings and become involved.

JANUARY CALENDAR

NBB mtg. and potluck Jan. 9 from 6.30-8.30 pm

Brightmoor Free Store Jan. 11 (see page 3)

Brightmoor Alliance mtg January 16, 6-8 pm Brightmoor Community Center

SEEDPACKING PARTY Jan. 27, 5.30-7.30 pm W. Outer Dr. UMC.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- St. Christine's for allowing us to use their space
- W. Outer Dr. UMC for letting us use their space
- Speedy's Gas Station \$20 every month
- Ronnie's \$20 every month
- Bo-Jack Carwash
 \$10 every month
- Sneeker's Lounge \$20

SNEEKER'S LOUNGE

22641 Fenkell
Parties for all occasions
Cal Stan: 313-268-4050

BRIGHT TEENS

We will have a meeting to discuss the future of Bright Teens on January 17 at 6 pm and are urging all Bright Teens to attend.

While we are discussing the Bright Teen program's future we will not have our regular Bright Teen evenings in January. Instead we are inviting all neighbors young and old to come paint murals at the Methodist church on Acacia and Outer dr. on Friday January 17 and 31 from 7-9pm. Many of the adults in the neighborhood have never had a chance to participate in a mural painting and want to. So here is your chance!!! Bring a snack to pass, drinks will be provided. For more into call: Riet Schumack 283-8091.

Mondays/Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm @ St. Christine's Soup Kitchen 22261 Fenkell



Welcome back! After a nice long break we will be resuming our after-school activities in 2014 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6pm (NOTE time change!) at St. Christine's Soup Kitchen.

This January we will be cooking, winter-themed crafts!

Visit and LIKE our new Facebook page! Kids' Corner & Art in the Park!

We are always looking for volunteers. If interested please call Kat at (313) 918-9160.

BrightStars Early Learning Centers

BrightStars offers various FREE resources and programming for families and children 0-5 years of age For more info.: Mike Martin at 313-255-0900 ext. 2125, mmartin@develctrs.org or you may register on site. Just show up, fill out the registration form and stay for the group! Once you have registered you may now attend any of the BrightStars groups. Seats will need to be reserved for field trips, special events and workshops.

NEW DESTINY CHURCH

located at 15133 Burgess Str. Detroit, MI 48223

Family Fun and Enrichment Program

New Destiny is offering new exciting classes to promote healthy living, encourage active lifestyles and strengthen family relationships.

Come and spend the evening out with the family every Friday

5:00pm—7:00pm starting October 18th—November 22nd, 2013. Don't be left out of the fun, there is something for everyone at New Destiny.

SPARK - Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids (7-17)





HAVE FUN

Mentors / Coaches- build leadership skills and good sportsmanship behaviors.





Cooking Matters—Chef demonstrations and hands-on meal preparation. Learn how to cook low-cost, healthy meals with different veggies. Take food home to practice what was learned.

Free of Charge! Space is limited so contact us as soon as possible.

Register by visiting New Destiny Church on Fridays 5:00pm—7:00pm or send an email to newdestinyco@gmail.com. If you have questions contact us at (313) 405-7648

BRIGHTMOOR FREE STORE

Saturdays
January 11, February 8 & March 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Brightmoor Campus
Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church
12065 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48223
(on the comer of W. Outer Drive and Acada)
Office: (313) 693-4614





Shopping for your entire family!

Hot Coffee and Snacks Available Ali Day

Items available include:
New/Gently Used Clothes (infant-adult sizes)
Books for Children and Adults
Household Items





www.RedfordAldersgate.org www.ReadSeedFeed.org

THE GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM (GRP) PREPARES FOR THE 2014 GARDEN YEAR!!

Gardening in January? Well, maybe not, but this is the time to starting planning for your garden. The GRP is a network of over 1400 gardens in the city of Detroit which offers seeds, plants, education and support for its members. Many NBB members are part of this great organization and have for many years now helped by hosting "seed packing parties." The GRP buys seed in bulk which cuts 70-90 percent of the price

and then packages it in small envelopes. It is great to sit around a table, doing this rather mindless work and in the meantime talk with fellow gardeners new or experienced. We bring snacks, have great conversations while we package tens of thousands of seed packages all over the city. Brightmoor has always had some of the top attendance for these parties and we are counting on this year being no different. Our first party is on January 27 from 5.30-7.30 at the W. Outer Dr. Methodist Church on Acacia and Outer dr. Bring a snack and many garden stories.

For more info: Riet Schumack: 283-8091



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Self-Sufficiency Plan (LSP) DTE Energy's Low Income

beament plan for income eligible households. Low Income Seif-Sufficiency Plan (LSP) is an affordable

- Affordable fixed monthly payment based on income Program benefits include:
- Dedicated team of DTE Energy Customer Advocates to assist you Reduction of arrears for program compliance every 3 months and consumption
- Service is protected from shutoff while on the plan
- you will not incur any late fees
- Income equal to or less than 150% Federal Poverty Level Eligibility criteria* are:
- Last 12 months of DTE Energy bills are less than \$3,500 Guidelines (FPL)
- (gas and electric)

Eligibility requirements defined according to federal and state energy assistance criteria



Enrollment ends soon

so call today!



Sufficiency Plan. WAHT is working in partnership with TOTE Energy to qualify income eligible for the same income self-for the same income self-

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MURPHY PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

Attendance. You would go with Mr. Hopkins (school/home Asist with Parent Engagement and Improving Student we can. Please read below options and consider volunteering. go to school there. It is in our interest to help them in any way Murphy School is in our MBB target area. Many of our children

developing a relationship with parents. held January 28th from 11pm to 1pm. All are welcome to attend to begin eo and presentation 20 min at max. Murphy LSCO (parent) meeting will be how being absent from school affects academic progress using a short vidsences. We will provide parents with accurate information and statistics liaison) to student's homes who already have excessive ab-

- ment of one hour working with small group of students or one-on-one. Math tutoring for K-3rd. This would be a weekly or twice weekly commit-
- Choir Director to begin a new choir at the school (paid position)
- paint. Also, help the eighth grade class do a mural in the school? who could prepare school lockers? We then need volunteers to help Help paint school lockers - does anyone know a sandblaster
- Chatham near Fenkell to school at 8:45am Daily need for a driver(s) to take 5 kids to/from their home on

and 4:15pm.

Please contact Billie Hickey at (313)541-



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our Facebook page to find out about our latest news and activities! (313) 687-4463 • neighborsbuildingbrightmoor@gmail.com • "Like" Neighbors Building Brightmoor • 15081 Grayfield, Detroit MI 48223 • Submissions requested by January 28, 2013